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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title "Release Mechanism For Pluggable Fiber Optic Transceiver"	)	
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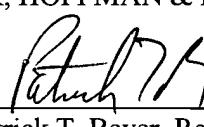
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